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State of South Carolina } Articles of agreement
 Dist of Dickens } between Thos. J. Clemson
 of the one part, & the undersigned freed-men &
 women of the other part, to wit: Said Freed-men
 & women agree to hire their time as laborers on the
 Fort Hill plantation from January 1st 1868 to
 1st of January 1869. To conduct themselves faithfully
 honestly civilly, & dilligently; to perform all labor on
 said plantation or such as may be connected therewith
 that may be required by said Thos J. Clemson or
 his agent; & to keep no fire arms or deadly
 weapons, no Ardent Spirits nor introduce or
 invite visitors nor leave the premises during
 working hours without the written consent of the
 proprietor or his agent.

II. The Said freedmen, & women agree to perform
 the daily tasks hitherto usually allotted on said
 plantation.

III For every day's labor lost by absence, refusal
 or neglect to perform the daily task, or labor
 said servants shall forfeit fifty cents. If absent
 voluntarily, or without authority, or without leave
 two dollars a day; if absent more than one day
 without leave to be subject to dismissal from
 the plantation & forfeiture of share in crop.
 The dependents or families of such laborer or
 laborers shall immediately vacate their houses
 within the space of three days & quit the plantation
 & forfeitures shall inure to the
 employer & employees in proportion to

their relative shares.

IV Said Freedmen & women agree to take good care of all utensils, tools & implements committed to their charge & to pay for same if injured or destroyed, also to feed & curry, & give attention to all stock put under their charge to be kind & gentle to all work animals under their charge: & to pay for any injury which they may sustain while in their hands through their carelessness or neglect, & forfeitures here in specified will be subject to the decision of the authorities having proper jurisdiction of the same.

V. They stipulate to keep their houses, lots & persons in neat condition, subject to the inspection of their employer or agent at any time.

VII. The said employer agrees to treat his employees with justice, & kindness; to furnish each family with quarters on the plantation, & the privilege of getting fire wood from some portion of the premises to be indicated by the employer or his agent, & to divide the crop with them in the following manner, & proportions to wit: to the employees one third of the, fodder, cotton potatoes peas & oats, they paying back their proportion of seed gathered & prepared for market or its market value at the end of the year. And the said T. G. M. agrees to furnish the usual bread accounted for at the market price at crop.

VIII. Said proprietor to furnish feed for the animals

IX. All violations of the terms of this contract or the rules & regulations of the employer may be punished by fines dismissal from the plantation with forfeiture of his or her wages or share of the crop as the case may be.

X. The employer or his agent shall keep a book in which shall be entered all advances made by him, & fines & forfeitures for lost time, or any cause, which book shall be received as evidence in same manner as merchants are now received in courts of justice, & shall have a right to deduct from the share of each laborer all his or her fines & forfeitures, also all advances made to them subject to the decisions of the authorities having jurisdiction of the same.

XI. The laborers shall not sell any agricultural production to any person whatsoever without the written consent of the employer or his agent until after the division of the crop.

XII. The laborers shall commence work at sunrise & work till dark & be allowed one or more hours for their meals according to the season of the year.

XIII. That there may be no misunderstanding the laborers on the Mt Hill Farm agree, to plant all fall small grain that may be sown but in no manner will they receive any share of the grain for

will be made known by sound of horn & so partially observed.

Helix ^{his} Collins ^{seal} San hial ^{his} X ^{mark} Coxam ^{seal} ^{Franklin} Spencer

Dinkney ^{mark} X ^{his} Cunningham ^{mark} Edward ^{his} X ^{mark} Reed ^{seal}

Cato ^{his} X ^{mark} Sherman ^{seal} Raash ^{his} X ^{mark} Richardson ^{seal}

Jessie ^{his} X ^{mark} Mickleburg ^{seal} Bob ^{his} X ^{mark} Pedigrew ^{seal}

Stephen X ^{his} Greedy ^{his} X ^{mark} Coxam ^{seal} ^{was} ^{He}

witness present

Chas. C. Abbott

C. C. Glimson

John X ^{his} Lagree ^{mark} ^{seal}